

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 614  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Byron Goldston Lasater  
of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that we learned of the death of one our foremost citizens, Byron Goldston Lasater of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lasater was born on June 30, 1929; the son of Benton and Gladys Byron Lasater, and was educated at McClain Elementary School, Lebanon High School and attended Middle Tennessee State University. He was a popular and highly regarded student at each institution; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army as a paratrooper, received his training at Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Mead and Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in September, 1949, he was shipped overseas and was wisely selected as assistant leader of the rifle squad with the second Platoon of Company K, 187 Regimental Combat Team of the 11th Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, he fought bravely, making two combat parachute jumps into combat action against the North Koreans along the Tongjin Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, widely praised for courage, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Korean Service Badge, the Distinguished Unit Emblem, the Army of Occupation Medal Japan Clasp, the United Nations Service Medal,

the National Defense Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, the Expert Badge With Rifle Bar and received his Honorable discharge on May 16, 1952; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 1957, Mr. Lasater started working for the Ford Motor Company, Glass Division, in Nashville, and after many years of faithful, diligent and productive service for the company, he was transferred to the Ford Glass Plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in January, 1974, where he did an excellent job in the important position of General Supervisor of their Fabrication Department. He retired from the company in July, 1988; and

WHEREAS, in June, 1992, Mr. Lasater returned home to Lebanon where he worked for a short while for the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in January, 1994, he was appointed Lebanon City Codes Director under Mayor Don Fox and worked there admirably until his death; and

WHEREAS, he was married to Jean Ramsay Lasater on December 18, 1952 and this blessed union has produced four successful children, Jenny Lynn Lasater, Jeffrey, Byron Lasater and Rebecca Jean Lasater Getttings; and three grandchildren Steven Joseph Lasater, Matthew Byron Lasater and Lindsey Brooke Lasater; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout member of the Maple Hills Church of Christ, the American Legion, past commander of the Clyde D. Bratten Post 15 of the American Legion, the Masons and the Shriners; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of Byron Goldston Lasater; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Byron Goldston Lasater and express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.



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